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1. TEXTS OF JACKSON-NUNN AND HUMPHREY-CRANSTON AMENDMENTS AS PASSED BY SENATE WERE SENT IN EUR WIRELESS FILE DATES SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28 RESPECTIVELY. FULL TEXT OF MATHIAS-KENNEDY AMENDMENT WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY VOICE VOTE IS AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE VII-NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION
STRUCTURE

CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS

SEC. 701. THE CONGRESS FINDS THAT THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION CONTINUES TO BE VITAL TO THE SECURITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND REAFFIRMS ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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SUPPORT OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW

SEC. 702. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT FORCE REDUCTIONS WITHIN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF MILITARY FORCES OF THAT

ORGANIZATION, AND IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION ALLIANCE, THE PRESIDENT SHALL UNDERTAKE A THOROUGH AND CONTINUING REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES FORCES ASSIGNED TO OR EARMARKED FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TO ASSURE THAT UNITED STATES FORCES SO ASSIGNED WILL BE EMPLOYED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER TO ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION ALLIANCE. THIS REVIEW SHALL BE CARRIED OUT WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THE FOLLOWING GOALS: (1) AN INCREASE IN THE RATIO OF COMBAT TO SUPPORT TROOPS; (2) AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF UNITED STATES FORCES ASSIGNED TO OR EARMARKED FOR THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, AT EXISTING AND FUTURE REDUCED LEVELS OF MANPOWER; (3) AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ALL FORCES DEPLOYED FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ALLIANCE THROUGH CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBER STATES OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. THE PRESIDENT SHALL REPORT TO THE CONGRESS AT THE END OF EACH SIX-MONTH PERIOD REGARDING THE RESULTS OF THE CONTINUING REVIEW CONDUCTED BY HIM PURSUANT TO THIS TITLE.

CONSULTATIONS WITH NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ALLIES

SEC. 703. THE PRESIDENT SHALL, WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS ACT, ENTER INTO CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION TO (1) DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF UNITED STATES FORCES REQUIRED ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT FOR THE DEFENSE

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OF THE ALLIANCE; (2) ESTABLISH ORDERLY PROCEDURES WITHIN THE ALLIANCE FOR REDUCTIONS OF UNITED STATES FORCES DEPLOYED IN EUROPE; AND (3) RESTRUCTURE THE ORGANIZATION OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION FORCES TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT REDUCTIONS MADE BY THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION IN THEIR ARMED FORCES.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARSAW PACT TREATY ORGANIZATION

SEC. 704. THE PRESIDENT IS REQUESTED TO UNDERTAKE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARSAW TREATY ORGANIZATION, IN CONCERT WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, TO BRING ABOUT A MUTUAL AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF FORCES DEPLOYED IN

EUROPE BY BOTH ORGANIZATIONS.

EXPANSION OF NATO BASE

SEC. 705. THE PRESIDENT, WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION, IS REQUESTED TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BROADEN THE BASE OF COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING WITHIN THE ALLIANCE, AND TO PURSUE ACCOMMODATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE NATIONS OF WESTERN EUROPE ON CRITICAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS, INCLUDING TRADE, MONETARY, AND ENERGY MATTERS. END TEXT.

2. WE EXPECT HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE TO BEGIN WORK EARLY IN WEEK OF OCTOBER 8 ON MILITARY PROCUREMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL INCLUDING JACKSON-NUNN, HUMPHREY-CRANSTON, AND KENNEDY-MATHIAS AMENDMENTS. BUT WE ARE UNABLE TO ESTIMATE HOW LONG CONFERENCE PROCESS WILL TAKE. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED ON SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. POSTS WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO SHOULD REPORT ANY SIGNIFICANT REACTIONS TO ABOVE THREE AMENDMENTS.

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